approved only on 22.3.88, the name of the society did not find a place in the list of 400 societies.

The criteria adopted for preparation of seniority list in August, 90 was challenged by a number of Cooperative Group Housing Societies in the Delhi High Court. The High Court vide its judgement dated 10.5.91 queshed the list prepared in August, 90 and directed *inter alia,* for preparation of a fresh list of 400 societies taking date of registration as criteria for seniority for allotment of land. Accordingly a fresh list of 400 societies was prepared according to their date of registration and sent to the DDA in June, 91. The registration number of last society which could find place in this list of June, 91 was 981. Since the registration number of Surya Kiran Group Housing Cooperative Society Ltd. was 1202 its name was not included in the list.

The decision of the High Court has since been challenged in the Supreme Court and the matter is sub-judice.

Lease hold System

3504. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th July, 1991 and state whether the details instructions regarding conversion of the leasehold land into freehold land have been issued so far; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): No, Sir. Instructions have not been issued.

Encroachments in Loha Mandi, Naraina, Delhi

3505. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menance caused by encroachments on the roads, footpaths in Loha Mandi, Naraina by the stockists of Iron and Steel merchants and other shopowners causing a great hardship and inconvenience to the road users and pedestrians, if so, what steps Government propose to take against the encroachers and to remove the encroachments; and

(b) whether Government propose to take legal action against those officials who are found resposible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the traders of Loha Mandi have encroached upon footpaths and roads in front of their shops by stacking heavy iron-plates, Girders, steel bars, heavy machines and foods etc. which cannot be removed by manual labour. Encroachers were warned by distributing hand bills and making announcement on loud-speakers to remove the encroachments at their own level. Meetings were also held and they were persuaded to cooperate with MCD in proper maintenance of the roads. Enforcement staff also took removal action and seized some heavy iron material with the help of local police/traffic police. But it did not produce desired results. Removal of this material without cranes is difficult. MCD is now exploring the possibility of getting the encroachers prosecuted by the Police Department under the Delhi Police Act and Delhi Municipal Corporation Act,. M.C.D. has denied involvement of its officials.

Encroachments in Shahdra Zone, Delhi

3506. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menace caused by encroachments of the roads/by lanes etc. in Rohtash Nagar, Naveen Shahdara, Pancheel Garden and Subhash Park and adjoining colonies of Shahdara Zone of Delhi by the stockists of building materials, dairy owners, automobile repairers causing a great hardship and inconvenience to the users of roads if so the number of such cases booked during the last six months;